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(b) the number that left it
(1) by discharge after cure,
(2) voluntarily without being discharged before cure and without leave
and for what reasons in the year 1928; and

(c) the amount granted to the authorities of the settlement in 1927–28 under various heads and spent for each leper in the same year in the settlement?

A.—The Government have no information and have called for a report.

Education

Institution of Honours courses at Anantapur.

*1818 Q.—Mr. C. Obi Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government propose to develop the Honours courses at Anantapur in the ensuing year and to allot in the coming budget any, and if so what, amount for the purpose?

A.—No provision could be made in the budget for 1929–30. The question will be examined in connexion with the budget of 1930–31.

Local Boards

Cancellation of the eight years' lease to Mr. A. Subba Rao by the West Godavari District Board.

*1819 Q.—Mr. J. Bheemayya: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to call for information and state the circumstances that led the West Godavari District Board to cancel the lease of eight years given to Mr. A. Subba Rao of Narsapur on 17th September 1927 and the representations of the public received in that connexion?

A.—So far as the Government are aware the circumstances that led the West Godavari District Board to cancel the lease are as follows:—

1. The ferry steamer "Nell" which runs between Narsapur and Razole on the river Godavari was originally leased to four persons by the old Kistna District Board for a period of 15 years ending on 1st April 1928. By 1924, by consent of all parties the contract was left exclusively in the hands of Atmoori Subba Rao. On Subba Rao consenting to give fresh security, the security given to the Board by the other contractors was released; but Subba Rao failed to furnish the additional security.
2. The Kistna District Board in its resolution, dated 25th September 1925, extended the term of contract by eight years from 1st April 1928. As under the original agreement, the contractor was not required to pay any licence fee to the district board there was public agitation about the grant of extension of the term of the lease and there were outside offers to pay an annual licence fee of Rs. 1,000 or more.